

Division of Veterans Services

STARS Number & Budget Unit: 444 SGVL(Cont), 444 SGVR, 444 SGVS

Bill Number & Chapter: H844 (Ch.375), S1263 (Ch.1), S1330 (Ch.12), S1436 (Ch.194)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Veteran's Services has the responsibility, on behalf of the state, to provide care and extend financial assistance to disabled and destitute Idaho wartime veterans and their dependents. This program was moved from the Department of Health and Welfare beginning in FY 2001.

DIVISION SUMMARY:	FY 2005 Total Appr	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Total Appr	FY 2007 Request	FY 2007 Gov Rec	FY 2007 Approp
BY FUND SOURCE						
General	2,071,800	2,062,000	1,942,300	1,759,200	1,634,000	1,651,000
Dedicated	10,707,000	10,554,600	13,986,100	14,651,100	14,303,400	14,366,800
Federal	4,939,300	8,592,900	5,403,700	5,604,800	5,490,000	5,487,300
Total:	17,718,100	21,209,500	21,332,100	22,015,100	21,427,400	21,505,100
Percent Change:		19.7%	0.6%	3.2%	0.4%	0.8%
BY EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION						
Personnel Costs	0	13,068,200	128,100	15,884,900	15,301,200	15,379,900
Operating Expenditures	0	7,976,500	0	5,879,900	5,879,900	5,879,900
Capital Outlay	0	133,900	0	205,700	201,700	200,700
Trustee/Benefit	0	30,900	0	44,600	44,600	44,600
Lump Sum	17,718,100	0	21,204,000	0	0	0
Total:	17,718,100	21,209,500	21,332,100	22,015,100	21,427,400	21,505,100
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	305.32	305.32	306.32	307.80	307.80	306.30

In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, this agency is authorized no more than 306.30 full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for the programs specified.

DECISION UNIT SUMMARY:	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2006 Original Appropriation	306.32	2,456,200	10,977,000	5,179,000	18,612,200
One-time 1% Salary Increase H395	0.00	17,400	55,600	38,000	111,000
1. Realign Agency Funding	0.00	(545,900)	2,872,500	154,200	2,480,800
Omnibus CEC Supplemental S1263	0.00	14,600	81,000	32,500	128,100
Lump Sum Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2006 Total Appropriation	306.32	1,942,300	13,986,100	5,403,700	21,332,100
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2006 Estimated Expenditures	306.32	1,942,300	13,986,100	5,403,700	21,332,100
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(17,400)	(638,000)	(172,200)	(827,600)
Base Adjustments	0.00	(440,200)	440,200	0	0
FY 2007 Base	306.32	1,484,700	13,788,300	5,231,500	20,504,500
Benefit Costs Including H844	0.00	(28,000)	(157,900)	(64,900)	(250,800)
Replacement Items	0.00	0	200,700	0	200,700
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	500	18,800	6,400	25,700
Annualizations	(0.02)	113,900	434,100	262,500	810,500
Change in Employee Compensation H844	0.00	23,300	129,400	51,800	204,500
FY 2007 Maintenance (MCO)	306.30	1,594,400	14,413,400	5,487,300	21,495,100
1. Endowment Fund Shift	0.00	46,600	(46,600)	0	0
3. Emergency Relief for Veterans	0.00	10,000	0	0	10,000
FY 2007 Total Appropriation	306.30	1,651,000	14,366,800	5,487,300	21,505,100
% Change From FY 2006 Original Approp.	0.0%	(32.8%)	30.9%	6.0%	15.5%
% Change From FY 2006 Total Approp.	0.0%	(15.0%)	2.7%	1.5%	0.8%

SUPPLEMENTALS: H395 provided a one-time 1% Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) increase that was contingent upon the General Fund balance at the end of fiscal year 2005. In addition, S1263 provided an early 3% ongoing CEC beginning in February of 2006 for 10 pay periods. S1330 reduced the fiscal year 2006 appropriation by \$546,900 from the General Fund and increased dedicated fund spending authority by \$2,872,500, and federal funds by \$154,200. The purpose of this supplemental was to realign the agency's appropriation to the actual level of expected revenues and reduce the reliance on the General Fund. Consideration was given to the actual impact of converting the state nursing homes to Medicaid-certified beginning in fiscal year 2001; the actual costs to operate the newly-opened veterans cemetery; allocate costs amongst its administrative and advocacy functions; and respond to changes in federal law as to how Medicaid reimbursement could be offset by Veterans Administration per diem payments.

APPROPRIATION HIGHLIGHTS: Benefit costs were adjusted to provide that one medical insurance premium holiday and seven life insurance premium holidays be paid from reserves. JFAC also stipulated that increases in health insurance costs be paid from reserves. An inflationary increase of 1.9% was provided for operating expenditures and trustee and benefit payments. Statewide cost allocation reflected changes in Attorney General, Controller and Treasurer fees, and risk management rates. Annualizations completed the agency realignment begun in the supplemental S1330. In addition to benefit funding, H844 funded CEC costs for the remaining 16 pay periods in FY 2007.

OTHER LEGISLATION: H477 transferred all rights, title and interest in real and personal property previously held by the Department of Health and Welfare on behalf of veterans to the Division of Veterans Services in further compliance with the provisions of Chapter 59, Laws of 2000. H574 allowed for the admission of spouses of eligible veterans into the nursing homes.

FY 2007 APPROPRIATION:	FTP	Pers. Cost	Oper Exp	Cap Out	T/B Pymnts	Lump Sum	Total
G 0001-00 General	28.00	1,465,400	141,000	0	44,600	0	1,651,000
D 0349-00 Miscellaneous Rev	198.40	9,927,400	3,843,000	0	0	0	13,770,400
OT D 0349-00 Miscellaneous Rev	0.00	0	0	200,700	0	0	200,700
D 0481-24 Vet. Home Income	0.00	0	395,700	0	0	0	395,700
F 0348-00 Federal Grant	79.90	3,987,100	1,500,200	0	0	0	5,487,300
Totals:	306.30	15,379,900	5,879,900	200,700	44,600	0	21,505,100